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THE first steamboat that navigated the Mississippi river was the "New Or-leans," in December 1811.

THE first newspaper published in America was the Boston News Letter, published at Boston, Mass., in 1804.

THE wedding ring is supposed to be of Roman origin, and to have sprung from the ancient custom of using rings in making grants and agreements.

BLACK is not the only color worn in mourning. In China and Siam white is worn, and white was also the color of mourning among the ancient Romans.

THE month of January was named from Janus, who was represented as having two faces, one looking towards the new year, the other towards the old. THE invention of steel needles is

ascribed to the Spanish Moors. The first needles made in London were made by Moor, in the reign of Henry VIII. POINT lace is the oldest variety of lace known. It was the work of nuns

during the latter half of the fourteenth, and the commencement of the fifteenth centuries.

THE Italic letter was invented by Aldus Manutius, a Roman by birth, in 1496. It was first called the Venetian letter, because the printing office of Manutius was in Venice, but it was subsequently called the Italic letter in honor of Italy.

THE word boudoir denotes a lady's private apartment, in which she receives only her most intimate friends. The first syllable, boud, is the same as the English word pout, and the term signifies, literally, a place to which a woman retires to sulk-a poutery.

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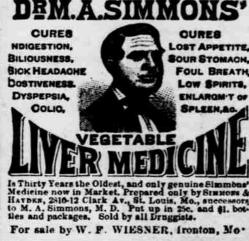
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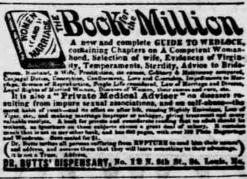
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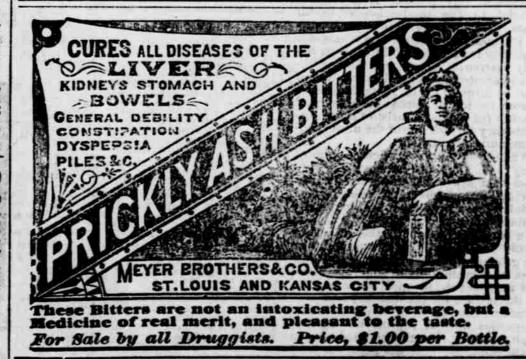
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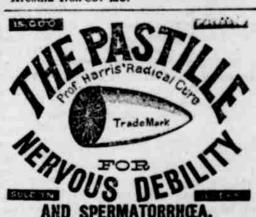
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